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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Application of :
Takashi KAITO et al. :
Serial No. 10/759,354 : Group Art Unit - 1763
Filed: January 16, 2004 : Examiner- Rodney Glenn
McDonald
For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR :
SURFACE OR CROSS-SECTIONAL:
PROCESSING AND OBSERVATION: Docket No. S005-5191

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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
AND REQUIRED EXTENSION FEE**

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Applicants respectfully request a one-month extension of time for replying to the Office Action dated April 10, 2006 and request that the period for taking further action be reset to expire on August 10, 2006. This is an extension request for replying to the April 10 Office Action within the first month pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a).

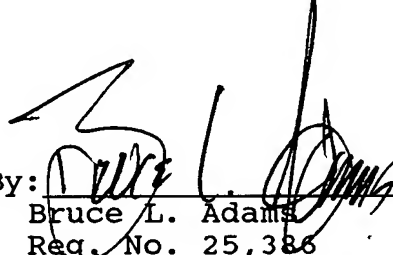
The reason for the present request is to provide additional time to study the April 10 Office Action and take appropriate action in response thereto.

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A check in the amount \$120.00 is enclosed herewith to cover the required fee. Should the check prove insufficient for any reason, authorization is hereby given to charge any such insufficiency to Deposit Account No. 01-0268.

Respectfully submitted,

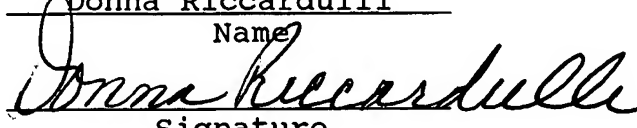
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